

Poverty Theology vs. Prosperity Theology

1. What is Poverty Theology?

- The belief that Christians should be impoverished
- Accumulation of things directly hinders spiritual growth; pursuit of things is a sign of worldliness
- Scriptural basis – Luke 18:18-27

Why is this kind of thinking a problem?

2. What is Prosperity Theology?

- The belief that God sends us whatever we want, no strings attached; the lack of anything is a manifestation of a lack of faith; material wealth is a sign of divine favor.
- Scriptural basis – John 15:7

Why is this kind of thinking a problem?

3. Is there a solution?

- Neither poverty nor “prosperity”

- See Deuteronomy 8:18; 1 Chronicles 29:12

- Enjoyment, Gratitude and Generosity